Gas Pipleling Project by Gail in Karnataka

3172. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited has prepared a proposal to supply 2.5 million tonnes of gas from Kochi to Mangalore as well as Bangalore *via* Thrissur through pipelines;

(b) if so, whether Karnataka Government has agreed to provide all assistance to Gas Authority of India Limited;

(c) the action, if any taken towards land acquisition for the proposed project in Karnataka; and

(d) by when the above project will get through?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) GAIL has conceptualized to lay a pipeline network in Karnataka for distribution of 10 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) of regassified LNG from the proposed LNG terminal of Petronet LNG Limited at Kochi and is in the process of preparation of the detailed feasibility report for the project and obtaining necessary clearances of right of use in land for laying the pipelines. Government of Karnataka has agreed to provide all assistance in this regard to GAIL.

Non-Clearance of Pipeline for Bina Refinery

3173. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government is inordinately delaying the clearance for the crude pipeline for the Bina Refinery being set up by BPCL;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to sort out the points of difference at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH

GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Chief Conservator of Forests-Wildlife, Government of Gujarat had issued a letter dated 05.10.2000 restraining Bharat Oman Refineries Limited (BORL) from commencing/continuing/maintaining any work/activity in Marine National Park/Sanctuary near Vadinar in Jamnagar district of Gujarat until further orders. In this letter an interim judgement dated 14.02.2000 of the Supreme Court in Special Civil Application No. 202/95 has been quoted.

(c) The matter is being pursued with Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India and Government of Gujarat.

LPG agencies in North-Eastern Region

3174. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of LPG gas agencies in all the States of North-Eastern Region;

(b) by when home delivery system will be started in the North-Eastern States; and

(c) the number of gas bottling plants in the North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) As on 1-4-2001, in North-Eastern States 301 LPG distributionships of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies were operating.

(b) The LPG distributors are under instructions to supply refils on home delivery basis. However, in certain areas in North-Eastern States, due to difficult terrain, extremist activities and law and order constraints, cash and carry supply is effected with due permission from district authorities.

(c) At present, 6 gas bottling plants of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies are operating in the North-Eastern States.